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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Advisory Action	Application No. 09/361,425	Applicant(s) KUNG ET AL.	
	Examiner Chih-Min Kam	Art Unit 1653	

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 20 November 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☒ A Notice of Appeal was filed on 20 November 2003. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. ☒ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): See Continuation Sheet.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 7 and 17-24.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 14 and 16.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____

Continuation of 2. NOTE: The amendment to the claims raises new issues regarding the forms of composition (claims 7, 17, 19 and 22-25), the derivatives (claim 19) and a mixture thereof (claims 19 and 25), which require further consideration and search. In the amendment of November 20, 2003, claim 20 has been cancelled, claims 7, 17, 19, 22-24 have been amended, and a new claim 25 has been added, however, it appears claims 19, 21, 22, 23 and 24 are not amended properly according to the previous claims submitted May 30, 2003, e.g., in the previous claims, the phrase "wherein said composition is a topical composition" is cited, however, the phrase is not shown in the present claims; the present claim 21 is different from the previous claim 21; and the terms "ascorbic acid derivatives", and "tocopherol derivatives and a mixture thereof" are not cited in the previous claim 19, but they are present in the present claim 19. Applicants' response has been fully considered, however, claims 19 and 21-24 have not been amended properly, thus are not considered, and claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C.112, second paragraph.

If applicants' amendment to claim 7, 17, 18 and 25 were entered, it would have the following response:

1. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite because of the use of the term "a mixture thereof". The term "a mixture thereof" renders the claim indefinite, it is not clear how many components and how much of each component are in the mixture. Note that a Markush group is cited in the claim, where a closed language should be used, but "a mixture thereof" indicates an open language.

Continuation of 3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): If entered, the rejection of claims 7, 17, and 18 under USC 102 (a).

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: the newly amended claims require further search, claims 19 and 21-24 are not properly amended, and new claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chih-Min Kam whose telephone number is (703) 308-9437. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.00-4:30, Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low, Ph. D. can be reached on (703) 308-2923. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 308-4227 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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